



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND  
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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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SPECIAL MEETING  
AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 26, 2010  
TOWN HALL-MEETING HALL

## MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Currier, Alan Lewandosky, Jeffrey Martin, Leonard Johnson, Cheryl Samborski, Michael Varney, David Grim.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ted Graziani, David Milnes.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Temporary Chairman Len Johnson called the initial meeting of the Committee to order at 7:05 p.m. Each member gave some background of themselves to get to know each other a little better.

### II. MISSION STATEMENT ADOPTED

“To develop, plan, arrange, supervise, and conduct programs and activities that foster pride and patriotism among the citizens of the Town and to make recommendations for such programs and activities to the Board of Selectmen for approval.”

### III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After a brief discussion, Mike Varney moved that Len Johnson be elected Chairman, seconded by Cheryl Samborski. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Varney moved that Jeff Martin be Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Mike Currier. Motion passed unanimously. Cheryl Samborski volunteered to be recording secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. PROGRAMS CONSIDERED FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND FOR 2010 AND 2011

- Memorial Day Program, run by Ellington American Legion Post 62 since World War I, will now be organized by this Committee. The American Legion, its Auxiliary, and local VFW Post will continue to be involved. Local organizations will continue to be encouraged to participate. Mike Currier and Mike Varney will co-chair this year's Memorial Day activities and Dave Milnes will coordinate the Crystal

Lake observance. The February meeting will be devoted to the detail plans for this year's observance on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeff Martin will provide information for a contact at Westover Air Force Base for a flyover.

- Programs being considered for fiscal year 2010-2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) are as follows:
  - A Fourth of July observance.
  - A 9/11 observance.
  - Veterans' Day observance. We will also encourage attendance at the High School and Middle School observances that the students organize.
  - Flag Day, June 14, Flag burning ceremony. This ceremony, organized by the VFW and American Legion and partnered by the EFD will be promoted and continued. Local Scout organizations will be encouraged to participate.
  - A program to recognize local individuals currently serving in the military. This program will be initiated through publicity.

V. COMMISSION BUDGET

The current Memorial Day budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$1,700. These funds are used for grave emblems, flags, flowers for the Town green, and other items related to the Memorial Day observance. Len will discuss the Committee's budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 with Finance Officer, Nick DiCorleto for a possible budget increase.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

Members agreed that the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. would be an acceptable meeting time. The next meeting will be February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Samborski  
Recording Secretary